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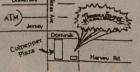
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## Parks in B-CS offer inexpensive way for A&M students to enjoy free time,



Some children take advantage of the facilities at Anderson Athletic Park in College Station to enjoy a warm afternoon.

By Donna Buchala Reporter

Students often grumble that no place exists where they can enjoy themselves without breaking their already strained budgets, but the Bryan-College Station area boasts an abundance of parks — inexpensive, easy to get to, loads of fun parks.

The city of College Station alone has 859 acres of park land in 29 different parks, says Tony Cisneros, assistant director of the College Station Parks and Recreation

"The citizens expect a good availability of parks," Cisneros says. And the citizens are instrumental

in obtaining park land through bond elections, he says. People regard parks as a way of "neighborhood identification," he says.

Actually, Cisneros says, neigborhood parks are only one of the two types of public parks in College Station; the other type is the commu-

Neighborhood parks are strictly designed for day use. They are easily accessible, by walking distance, to most people in the area.

Community parks have athletic fields, restrooms and parking lots, Cisneros says.

The variety of parks makes it interesting," he says

devised in College Station, Cisneros says. Lick Creek Park is a 515-acre area southeast of College Station, he says, which is "untouched" - kept natural for uses such as nature studies and bird watching.

Three of the community parks in College Station have swimming pools - Bee Creek Park, Thomas Park and Southwood Athletic Center. The public can swim for \$1 per

day at these pools, Cisneros says. The money for maintenance of College Station's parks comes from the city's general fund through tax money collected from the citizens, he says. The general fund is not used for expansion, only for upkeep Another type of park also is being and general use, he says.

"Use depends on their Cisneros says. "The varie allows people to seek eith or something completely

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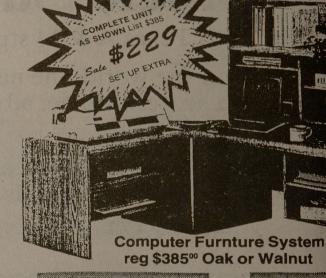


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